

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2011
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2011 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN JIMMY FIELD, VICE CHAIR CLYDE HOLLOWAY AND COMMISSIONERS FOSTER CAMPBELL, LAMBERT BOISSIERE AND ERIC SKRMETTA. ALSO PRESENT WAS EVE KAHAO GONZALEZ.

Open Session of August 10, 2011, convening at 8:42 A.M. and adjourning at 9:01 A.M., Natchez Room, 602 N. 5th Street, 1st Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Secretary Eve Kahao Gonzalez.

Ex. 1 **U-31894** – Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Approval to Securitize Investment Recovery Costs Related to the Little Gypsy Unit 3 Repowering Project authorizing the Company to finance its investment costs pursuant to Act 988.

In re: Discussion and possible vote on re-issuance of Commission Order authorizing securitization.

On motion of Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Field, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to take this matter up pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

On motion of Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Field, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Recommendation and require that the Company refund to customers all interest accrued on the \$206.1 million from August 5, 2011 until the bonds are priced. If the bonds are not priced by September 23, 2011, due to no fault of Entergy Louisiana, the provisions of the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement regarding interest accrual shall control. That refund would be made to customers on their October 2011 bills and allocated to customer classes in the same manner that the investment recovery charges will be collected under the Financing Order approved in this docket. The Company will not be allowed to account for these interest refunds in such a manner that they will affect future FRP calculations.

On motion of Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Field, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Recommendation and approve the revised Financing Order, subject to the separate refund requirements.

Ex. 2 **U-31971** - Entergy Louisiana LLC and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Joint Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Approval to Construct Unit 6 at Ninemile Point Station and of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC for Approval to Participate in a Related Contract for the Purchase of Capacity and Electric Energy, for Cost Recovery and Request for Timely Relief.

In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant to assist Staff in this matter.

Commissioner Field made a motion to retain the firm of RJ Covington Consulting, LLC. Commissioner Holloway seconded this motion. However, Commissioner Boissiere offered a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Commissioners Field, Holloway and Skrmetta objecting, to retain Exeter Associates, Inc. Therefore, this motion fails by a vote of three to two.

On motion of Commissioner Field, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain the consulting firm of RJ Covington Consulting, LLC for fees not to exceed \$106,000 and expenses not to exceed \$6,700, for a total budget not to exceed \$112,700 to assist Staff in this matter.

Commissioner Field directed Staff to inform RJ Covington Consulting, LLC that we would like to move this along as quickly as possible, in hopes for a vote early next year.

Commissioner Skrmetta directed Staff to give the Commissioners a review on this new company's performance after this case is complete.

Ex. 3 Cleco Power, ex parte. In re: Notice of Intent to Conduct an RFP for Long-Term Generating and/or Purchase Power pursuant to the Commission's MBM Order.

In re: Staff's request to issue RFP for outside consultants to assist the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Recommendation and authorize the issuance of requests for proposals from outside consultants to assist Staff in this matter.

Commissioner Skrmetta directed Staff to work with Entergy on a three part study regarding transmission lines in Plaquemines Parish to 1) Determine the cost, time and regulatory impedance of building the transmission line through the marsh; 2) Determine the cost, time and regulatory impedance of building the transmission line along Hwy 23; and 3) Determine the cost, time and regulatory impedance of building the transmission line through the marsh from Walker Road to below Jesuit Bend subdivision and then east to the Hwy.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held September 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.